

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY:
**HOUSEKEEPING
DURING STYROFOAM
INSTALLATION**

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**INADEQUATE HOUSEKEEPING AND
MITIGATION DURING EXTERIOR
INSULATION INSTALLATION CAN
RESULT IN LITTERED SIDEWALKS**

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW. . .

Contractors are obligated by Section 3303 of the New York City Building Code to engage in proper housekeeping and maintain a clean site. Failure to properly mitigate and remove waste debris generated from the installation of exterior insulation creates a public nuisance, generates a slipping hazard, and can clog storm drains and pollute waterways. Violations of the Code can result in fines and enforcement actions.



Contractors who install exterior insulation, including but not limited to Styrofoam insulation panels and exterior insulation and finish systems (EIFS), must take steps to mitigate the generation of waste debris and must remove any waste debris produced.

WHAT CONTRACTORS SHOULD DO. . .

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning the installation, sanding, cutting, handling, and disposal of insulation.
- Use sanding and cutting machines with vacuum attachments.
- Continually vacuum the scaffold and work area during sanding and cutting operations.
- Immediately vacuum any insulation waste debris that appears on the sidewalk or other areas accessible to the public.
- Provide proper containers for the disposal of insulation waste debris.
- To the extent practical, enclose the scaffold or work area with tarps or similar tight enclosures to contain insulation waste debris.
- When unwrapping insulation panels, immediately vacuum up any debris, and take care to dispose of wrapping in a way that minimizes the spread of debris.
- Vacuum the edges of panels that have been cut or shaped but not installed before storing them for future installation.
- At the end of the shift, perform a thorough inspection of the job site, including scaffolds, nets, tops of sidewalk sheds, balconies, and setbacks, as well as surrounding sidewalks and streets. Vacuum insulation debris that is found until clean.